

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Historically, Shingle Creek was part of an extensive mosaic of habitats which maintained itself through a series of natural processes. Today, urban development and agriculture have fragmented the habitats considerably and impacted those natural processes. The District now takes great strides to implement land management practices to restore and maintain the land to its natural state and condition. A regularly prescribed fire regime, an aggressive exotic plant control program, and restoring an appropriate hydroperiod through the wetlands are some of the top priorities in the District's Land Stewardship program.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Hiking, biking, fishing, and canoeing are the approved ways you may explore and enjoy this property (see inside map).

Both the Hunter's Vista subdivision and the Hunter's Creek Middle School (site of the Everglades Trail Kiosk) provide access to five miles of hiking and biking trails and dirt power line roads with side trail loops to both the east and west pine islands.

Visitors can also view the northern section of the site through a boardwalk and mulch trail which has been provided behind the Marriott Hotel (note: construction of a boardwalk to connect the Marriott boardwalk with the rest of Shingle Creek is planned for the near future).

A canoe access point is located at the Hunter's Creek Middle School or you can launch your canoe along the western bank of the creek. Fishing can be done along the channelized portion of the creek.

Additionally the management area will be an important linear greenway link to the future Shingle Creek Regional Trail. The greenway trail will run adjacent to the creek and be a 33 mile link from Central Florida to Lake Toho in Kissimmee.

VISITOR GUIDELINES

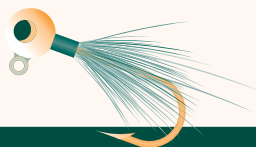
Hours of Operation:

- Marriott Trail access point from sunrise to sunset
- Hunter's Vista subdivision access point from 10 a.m. to sunset
- Hunter's Creek Middle School access point from sunrise to sunset **during non-school hours**

- **Stay on designated trails**
- **This is a "No Trash Area". Please take out with you any trash you brought in.**
- **The removal of plants, animals, geological or cultural resources is prohibited.**
- **Camping, firearms, and hunting are prohibited.**
- **Please report wildlife violations to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 1-888-404-FWCC (3922)**
- **For all emergencies please call 911**

For more information on this area or other District sites within this region please call the Orlando Service Center at 1-800-250-4250. Current recreational news and special events on District lands can be obtained by calling our recreation hotline at 1-866-433-6312 or by visiting our web site at www.sfwmd.gov and proceeding to the recreation section.

Enjoy Your Visit



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SHINGLE CREEK MANAGEMENT AREA

Located in Orange County



SITE SIGNIFICANCE

The Shingle Creek Management Area is 1,750 acres of natural lands acquired under Florida's Save Our Rivers program that is managed by the South Florida

Water Management District for the protection of water resources. In addition

to this management area, public land has been

preserved along the Shingle Creek corridor by Orange and Osceola

Counties and the Cities of Orlando and Kissimmee. This site is

characterized by a rich diversity of habitat types including mixed

hardwood swamps, pine

flatwoods, cypress swamps, oak hammocks, wet

prairies, and depression marshes. The land serves as an important habitat to many species of flora and fauna.

A variety of wildlife can be spotted such as white-tailed deer, alligators, turkey, and resident and migratory bird

species. The creek and

adjacent wetlands form the

initial headwaters of the

Everglades ecosystem

which is the

major water

source for Lake

Tohopekaliga

("Toho"), and part of the

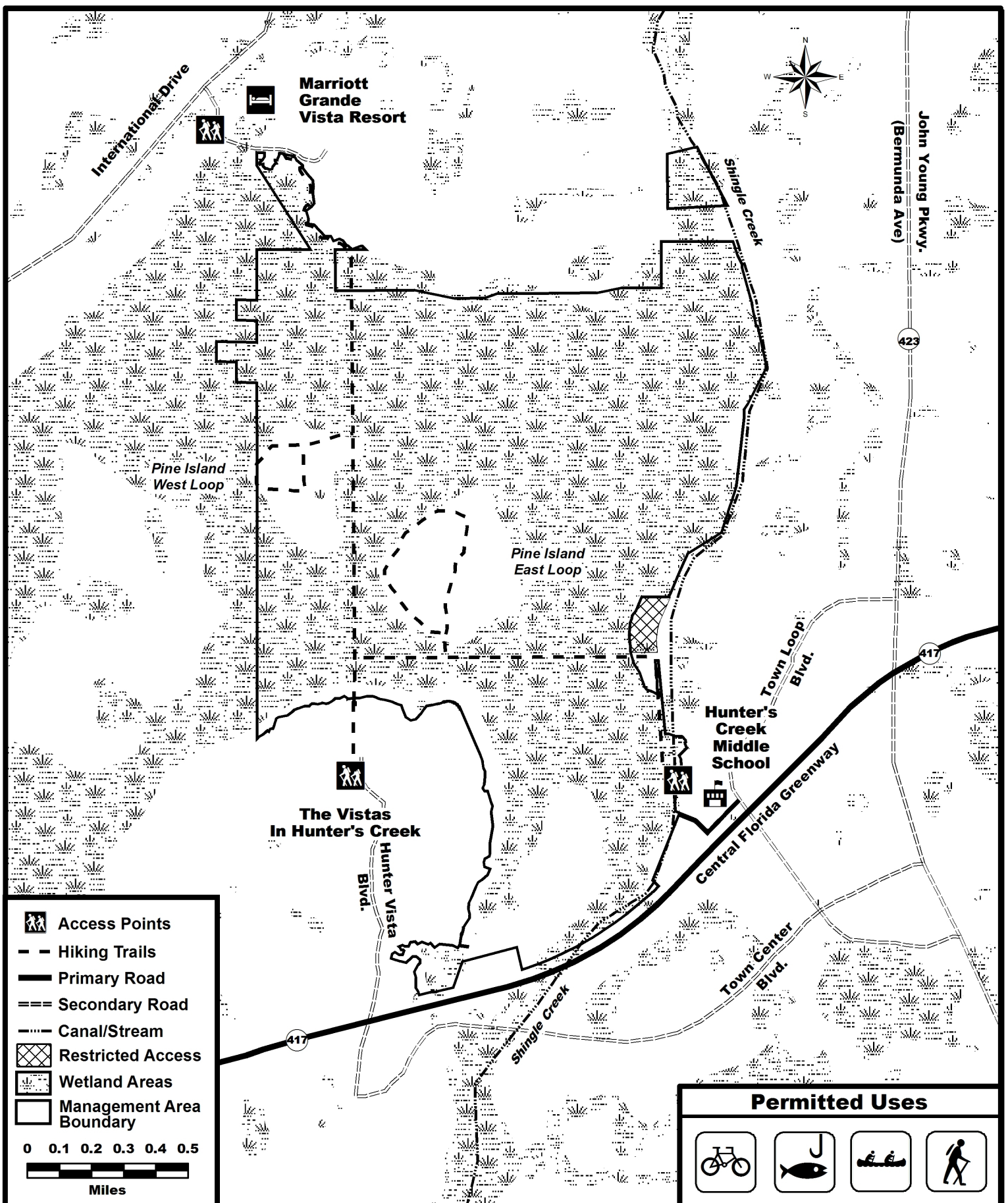
Kissimmee Chain of Lakes.

Shingle Creek has been designated by the State as the first stop along the Everglades Trail; a series of driving destination stops to explore the Everglades Ecosystem.

Go to www.evergladestrail.com for more information.



**Come
out
and
play**



Shingle Creek Management Area Access Points & Hiking Trails